

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

January 15, 1965
7:30 P.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, Mayor Palmer
Absent: Councilman White

Mayor Palmer announced this was a Special called Meeting of the City Council for the purpose of a joint meeting with the Citizens Community Improvement Committee to discuss the Workable Program. He expressed appreciation to the members for accepting appointment to this Committee. He pointed out briefly a few of the items that hinge entirely on the Workable Program, listing sections of the F.H.A.; Public Housing Administration; Urban Renewal, Voluntary Home Mortgage Credit, and others. The whole program is based on a community awareness and a community appreciation and concern for various conditions that may exist in the City in the way of substandard housing, housing for minority groups, etc. He asked the Planning Director to review the code enforcements and planning.

About twenty-seven (27) members of the committee were present.

The Director of Planning stated the WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT, for the Elimination and Prevention of Slum and Blight in Austin, consisted of seven major sections, the last section pertaining to citizen participation, which is an organization operating in relation to the community, City Council and City Administration as a Citizen Advisory Committee for Community Improvement. He read an outline published by the Housing and Home Finance Agency, listing five items which the Citizens Committee should do, particularly relating to the private sector of activities. Also reviewed were the functions of the Committee.

Other items discussed in detail covered the Development of a Low Cost Housing Supply and way of providing such through private, public factors, private organizations, with governmental assistance, and others; Public Information through this recognized citizens group and neighborhood participation; Codes, Adoption and Enforcement of the Codes, (Listing the adoption of the Plumbing Code and progress on the new Building Code, and Minimum Housing Standard Code); Home Financing, Relocation, Urban Renewal and Public Housing, pointing out the Urban Renewal activities encompass the Kealing Project, Glen Oaks Project, and General Neighborhood Renewal Plan; Capital Improvements, stating Austin is in its 12th year of having a Capital Improvements Program upon which the budget is based and the bond programs developed. The Planning Director stated in addition to the